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BEGIN SUMMARY. NIAG/SG.2 ON NEW SYSTEMS OF DETECTING, OBSERVING AND LOCATING BATTLEFIELD LAND TARGETS IN DEPTH MET IN PARIS 1-3 OCT 73. THE GROUP CONSIDERED TWO SYSTEMS CONTEMPLATED FOR OPERATION OVER FRIENDLY TERRITORY AND THREE SYSTEMS INTENDED FOR PENETRATION OF ENEMY AIR SPACE. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON METHODS OF SHARING THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIVE SYSTEMS. US DELEGATION PROPOSED PREPARATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN. MISSION CONSIDERS SG.2 ACTIVITIES TO BE WORTHWHILE AND RECOMMENDS CONTINUED US FINANCIAL SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.
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1. MESSRS J. PEW (HUGHES AIRCRAFT), W. EDGINGTON (GTE SYLVANIA), AND E. HARRIS (GRUMMAN AIRCRAFT) REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES. TEXT OF DELEGATION REPORT IS FORWARDED WITH MISSION REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENT.

2. MESSAGE QUOTED AS PREPARED BY MR. J. PEW WITH MINOR ABRIDGEMENT. BEGIN QUOTE.

A MEETING OF NIAG/SG.2 WAS HELD ON 1-3 OCT 73 IN PARIS AT THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION. IN ATTENDANCE WERE INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO REVIEW DRAFT MATERIAL FOR THE DECEMBER FINAL REPORT OF THE SUBGROUP'S PREFEASIBILITY STUDY ON QUOTE NEW METHODS OF DETECTING, OBSERVING AND LOCATING BATTLEFIELD LAND TARGETS IN DEPTH UNQUOTE. WORKING GROUPS OF THE SUBGROUP HAD BEEN MEETING FREQUENTLY IN EUROPE FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS TO PREPARE THIS MATERIAL. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE MAJOR ORGANIZATION AND CONTENT OF THE REPORT BUT CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL WORK IS REQUIRED ON DETAIL AND EDITING.

ONE KEY ISSUE WHICH IS STILL NOT FULLY RESOLVED IS THE DEGREE OF DEFINITIVE EVALUATION AND CONCLUSION WHICH CAN BE ACHIEVED IN A PREFEASIBILITY STUDY. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE NEEDED FROM NAAG PANEL VI (COMBAT INTELLIGENCE) REGARDING PRIORITIES OF OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER THAT DETAILED SYSTEM SELECTION AND REFINEMENT MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED.

SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED FOR THE SUBGROUP'S TASK FOR 1974. AMONG THESE WERE PREFEASIBILITY STUDIES ON THE REMAINING TOPICS IN THE ORIGINAL PLAN (ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE AND UNATTENDED GROUND SENSORS) AS WELL AS CARRYING THE PRESENT SUBJECT TO FURTHER DEPTH.

THE SIGNIFICANT TASK WHICH COULD BE UNDERTAKEN IS THE FORMULATION OF A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ONE OF THE SYSTEMS STUDIED TO MEET THE SELECTED OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT. THE PLAN WOULD INCLUDE FURTHER TECHNICAL DEFINITION CONSISTENT WITH PREPARATION OF A DEVELOPMENT PROCUREMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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MENT SPECIFICATION, A SCHEDULE PLAN CONSISTENT WITH NATO GOVERNMENT BUDGET CYCLES, A MANAGEMENT PLAN RECOMMENDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF EFFORT AMONGST THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND INDUSTRIES (CONSISTENT WITH US ASPRS--ARMED SERVICES PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS), AND BUDGETARY LIFE CYCLE PROGRAM COSTS TO ENABLE GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER TOTAL LIABILITIES WHEN ASSESSING INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING. THE INDUSTRY GROUP CAN EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISH SUCH A PLANNING EFFORT BASED NOT ONLY ON UNDERSTANDING OF THE TECHNICAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, BUT ALSO ON ITS COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH RESPECTIVE NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO SATISFY PROCUREMENT NEEDS.

REACTION IS SOUGHT REGARDING THIS PROPOSAL FROM NIAG, NAAG PANEL VI, CANAD.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUBGROUP IS SCHEDULED FOR 17-19 DEC 1973 AT NATO HQS, BRUSSELS. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT. SG.2 AND ITS PROBLEMS ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NIAG AS A WHOLE. SUCCESS (OR FAILURE) OF SG.2 RESTS IN DEFINING AND ULTIMATELY SOLVING SELECTED PROBLEMS OF BATTLEFIELD RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE. THERE ARE SEVERAL KEYS TO SUCCESS FOR THIS GROUP. FIRST, NATO MUST PROVIDE PROPER, SPECIFIC GUIDANCE TO SG.2. IN THIS CASE PANEL VI OF AC/225 (NATO ARMY ARMAMENTS GROUP-NAAG), SCHEDULED TO MEET NEXT IN BRUSSELS 3-7 DEC 73, SHOULD STRIVE TO FORMULATE THAT GUIDANCE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. SECOND, SG.2 SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON REALISTIC TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES TO ACCOMPLISH THE COMPLEX TASKS OF SHARING THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION. THE NATO COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WHICH ARE WORKING WELL TODAY ARE THOSE WHICH ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE NATIONS INVOLVED, AND THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS HAVE

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